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May 17, 2018

Re: Support for LA City Officials' Emergency Homeless Plan

Dear LA-Based Clergy, Councilmembers, Mayor Garcetti, and Other People of Conscience,

Religious traditions affirm that the measure of a society's greatness is its treatment of its most vulnerable, and we have been blessed to live within a city filled with leaders driven to improve the plight of the least fortunate among us. Los Angeles has a longstanding reputation as a beacon of hope in a world at times quite challenging for the poor, the elderly, and the underserved. However, despite our best intentions, Los Angeles has a continuously growing homeless population, with ever-increasing rents and a serious shortage of housing. To exacerbate this challenge, growing hostility toward those without homes and those struggling to get by has taken hold; despite opportunities afforded by the voter-approved County Measure H and City's Measure HHH, we find neighborhood after neighborhood hardening their hearts to homeless people, labeling them drug addicts and nuisances. This cold-hearted dehumanizing of the most vulnerable contradicts everything that we—the policymakers and religious leaders with thousands of years of tradition defining our vision—imagine as the pathway forward for healing.

For too long, despite our belief systems and our spiritual commitments, we have let the plight of the poorest members of our city suffer on the streets. And despite the well-intentioned rhetoric of religious leaders and elected officials, most of our homeless community has remained unserved, underserved, left behind, living on the streets in ubiquitous tents that look back at us and say "I am here, destitute, a child of God left behind. What are you doing for me and my fellow street-dwellers?"

Fortunately, CLUE sees promising new opportunities. Several congregations throughout Los Angeles have opened their lots to Safe Parking, ensuring that those who live in their cars can have a good, night's sleep in church and synagogue parking lots throughout the city. And almost miraculously, new funding sources and growing political will show encouraging signs that finally, the City of Los Angeles can tackle the crisis of homelessness that has left too many people behind. The Mayor and City Council have declared a state of emergency for the city with regard to this crisis, and our city government has shared a plan to establish homeless shelters in every single Los Angeles City District.

Now it is up to us to live up to our highest ideals. Will we ignore homeless people living in our local underpasses, sidewalks, and road islands? Or will we recognize their humanity—created in the Divine Image according to the Hebrew Bible—and help them to find temporary shelter in new temporary facilities designed to help them get back on their feet? Will we see in them our children's eyes, our family's inherent worth, the Godliness that our traditions celebrate?

**It is time for every pastor, priest, rabbi, politician, and private citizen in this City of Angels to live up to our city's angelic vision and enable every Angeleno to get off of our streets, safely and freely, without harassment and with love as our guiding principle. We also urge city officials to continue to explore the root causes of homelessness, and to work collaboratively with the larger community to address the factors that lead to people living in cars and in tents.**

CLUE pledges to "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev. 19:18) and demand temporary shelters in each and every district. We urge every religious leader, elected politician, and community member in all parts of Los Angeles to follow suit in "welcoming the stranger" into these shelters. This is a tall order in a world that obscenely criminalizes those in the most precarious set of circumstances. And yet, all religions believe in justice; we are confident that you will join in this effort to give new hope to the tens of thousands of people facing the daily fragility of life on our streets. Please join us in this vision of justice.

With Love of God and Toward a Just World,

Rabbi Jonathan Klein, Executive Director



May 8, 2018

The Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr.  
President, Los Angeles City Council  
Councilmember, 10<sup>th</sup> District  
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682 S. VERMONT AVENUE – COUNCIL FILE NO. 18-0392**

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Sincerely,

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Seth Eklund  
Executive Director  
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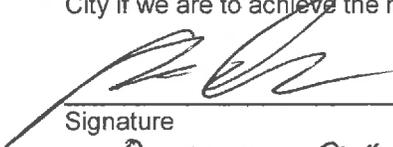
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Jeff Modrzejewski  
Executive Director  
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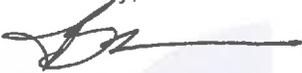
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Once again, we support the use of the DOT parking lot at 682 S. Vermont Avenue as a temporary homeless shelter to help solve this crisis until permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness can be developed on this site. Every neighborhood and community needs to participate throughout the City if we are to achieve the mandates of Proposition HHH and Measure H.

Sincerely,  
  
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Chief Executive Officer



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**RE: Support – Temporary Homeless Housing Facility in Koreatown  
682 S. Vermont Avenue, Council File No. 18-0392**

Dear Council President Wesson,

The purpose of this letter is to express the support of Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (HCHC) for the proposed temporary homeless shelter in Koreatown located at 682 S. Vermont Avenue (CF No. 18-0392). We applaud your leadership over the past three years with respect to the issue of homelessness that has affected every neighborhood throughout the City of Los Angeles.

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We were pleased to hear the Mayor's announcement that \$20 million dollars will be dedicated to the creation of emergency shelters throughout the City and applaud the goal of having 15 shelters up and running by January 2019. It is noteworthy that the City is thinking comprehensively about this effort and is committed to ensuring that the appropriate services and outreach teams exist in every neighborhood that provides a site.

According to the most recent estimates, there are approximately 400 homeless individuals in Koreatown, one of the largest densities of homelessness in the City. Most publically owned land in Koreatown is already developed as parks, libraries and schools and there are very few options for the siting of a temporary shelter. The site located at 682 S. Vermont Avenue is ideal for this purpose because it is controlled by the City and because services and public transportation are abundant in this area. HCHC is also supportive of the proposed temporary shelter in Hollywood and this shelter will be just steps away from one of our existing affordable housing developments.



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In closing, I would like to reiterate HCHC's support for the use of the DOT parking lot at 682 S. Vermont Avenue as a temporary homeless shelter. Communities throughout the City need to participate if we are to achieve the mandates of Proposition HHH and Measure H.

Sincerely,

Sarah Letts



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The Los Angeles Police Protective League (“LAPPL”) supports the proposed temporary homeless shelter in Koreatown located at 682 S. Vermont Avenue (CF No. 18-0932). The members of the LAPPL stand with the City as it undertakes this enormous challenge regarding ending homelessness in Los Angeles.

According to the most recent estimates, there are approximately 400 homeless individuals in Koreatown, one of the largest densities of homelessness in the City. We applaud the City in making the best use of publicly owned land in Koreatown in order to address this issue as available sites are desperately needed. We understand that the only available site in Koreatown owned and controlled by the City of Los Angeles is the DOT Parking lot at 682 S. Vermont Avenue. Koreatown needs this shelter, and other neighborhoods like Westwood, Hollywood, South Los Angeles, Mid-City, Studio City, Valley Village, North Hollywood, Van Nuys, and Chinatown are considering doing the same.

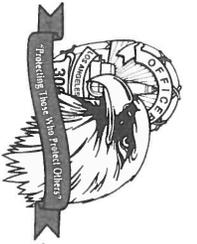
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Sincerely,

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## Hunger Action Los Angeles

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May 10, 2018

Councilmember Herb Wesson

City of Los Angeles

Dear Councilmember Wesson:

Hunger Action Los Angeles is a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization ending hunger and promoting healthy eating through education, advocacy and direct service. We are writing to support the establishment of a shelter for the homeless at Vermont & 7<sup>th</sup> street in Koreatown, not far from our headquarters at St. Mary's Church at 961 S Mariposa in the very heart of Koreatown.

The residents of Los Angeles voted overwhelmingly to assist the growing homeless population in LA by creating housing opportunities, as well as temporary shelters where people can stabilize their lives while getting situated with permanent housing. Like you, we are hearing objections to the construction of the shelter and are dismayed. Some are objecting saying that homeless will be attracted to the neighborhood; having worked here for 12 years, I can tell you that homeless human beings are already here and will be well served by a shelter.

We believe that homeless humans should share space with housed humans leading to a reintegration into a more stable life, rather than segregating people in a city that doesn't have enough room. The presence of skilled staff funded through the County's new resources to end homelessness will increase the chances that many who are now homeless in Koreatown will be able to re-enter society equipped to become self-sufficient, resulting in fewer people on the street.

Hunger Action LA is in full support of this shelter and of the County's heroic efforts to end homelessness in Los Angeles, and stand ready with our members, several of whom are formerly homeless, to do our part in making the shelter a success, that hopefully will be celebrated even by those who now protest it.

Sincerely,

Frank Tamborello

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Dear City Council President Wesson:

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By way of background, the Korean Resource Center was established in 1983 to empower low-income, immigrant, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and people of color communities in Southern California. Using a holistic approach, KRC strives to empower our community by integrating services, education, culture, organizing, and coalition building, all of which seek to improve the life of the individual and the community. We have long fought for the greater development of affordable housing units for the city. In July 2016, we were able to open our doors to two affordable senior housing units on 900 S. Crenshaw Blvd. and 540 S. Kingsley. From our own conversations with low income seniors, we know that these units barely meet the need. The lack of affordable housing has since given rise to the homelessness that we see today. It is both untenable and unacceptable. As residents of Los Angeles, we are all responsible for finding permanent solutions.

For this reason we supported the passage of Propositions HHH in November 2016 with 77 percent of the vote, and the passage of Measure H in March 2017 with 69 percent of the vote. Both initiatives give the city a mandate to solve the homeless crisis in LA City and County. Proposition HHH provides for \$1.2 billion dollars in construction funds for supportive housing and homeless facilities, a long term strategy to provide much needed housing. Measure H provides over \$355 million dollars a year in services to

complement HHH, providing the much needed support and services that individuals experiencing homelessness need.

We understand that there is also a need for a short-term strategy throughout the City to aid fellow residents in transitioning towards permanent housing and services. In order to address the short-term problems, the Mayor has announced \$20 million dollars to build emergency shelters throughout the City, with a minimum of 15 sites up and running by January 2019. With these shelters will come extra services for cleanups and outreach teams for every neighborhood that provides a site. All these measures are vitally important.

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Thus, we applaud the City's recent initiatives over the last three years with respect to the issue of homelessness that has affected every neighborhood throughout the City of Los Angeles. Further, we support any measure to establish temporary homeless shelters to solve this crisis including the use of the DOT parking lot at 682 S. Vermont Avenue. We believe that the City should dedicate additional outreach effort to educate and raise awareness among local residents. Every neighborhood and community needs to participate throughout the City if we are to achieve the mandates of Proposition HHH and Measure H.

Sincerely,

David K. Song  
Board Chair  
Korean Resource Center



**Ktown Metro Plaza, LLC.**

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May 11, 2018

The Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr.  
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Councilmember, 10<sup>th</sup> District  
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**682 S. VERMONT AVENUE – COUNCIL FILE NO. 18-0392**

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Once again, we support the use of the DOT parking lot at 682 S. Vermont Avenue as a temporary homeless shelter to help solve this crisis. Every neighborhood and community needs to participate throughout the City if we are to achieve the mandates of Proposition HHH and Measure H.

Sincerely,

Sean Hashem  
President  
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May 10, 2018

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James Elmendorf  
Deputy Director  
Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy



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On behalf of the Los Angeles Business Council (LABC), I would like to indicate our support for the proposed temporary homeless shelter in Koreatown located at 682 S. Vermont Avenue (CF No. 18-0932). The LABC represents nearly 500 members across greater Los Angeles that are highly impacted by the issue of homelessness. For over a decade our organization has focused on creating affordable housing solutions to prevent homelessness. Combining these long-term efforts with an increase in permanent supportive housing and short-term strategies to place individuals into shelters, is the comprehensive approach to addressing homelessness that will be the most effective and efficient way to help put a roof over the head of all Angelenos. We applaud the City's leadership over the last three years with respect to the issue of homelessness that has affected every neighborhood throughout the City of Los Angeles.

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Mary Leslie  
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May 9, 2018

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RE: **SUPPORT – TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER IN KOREATOWN**  
**682 S. VERMONT AVENUE – COUNCIL FILE NO. 18-0392**

Dear Council President Wesson:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO and the 800,000 women and men we represent, I want to state our strong support for the proposed temporary homeless shelter in Koreatown located at 682 S. Vermont Avenue (CF No. 18-0932).

The City has shown great leadership and courage in addressing the needs of our homeless residents. To continue doing so, our entire city must play a role. The temporary shelter in Koreatown is a step right direction.

The working people of Los Angeles played a major role in passing Propositions HHH, JJJ and Measure H, where over two-thirds of voters approved funding and regulatory reforms to make it easier to house those most in need, while also creating family-supporting jobs in construction.

The voters of Los Angeles expect a return from their investments in housing, which means a reduction in individuals and families sleeping our streets. They also expect any jobs connected to housing projects to pay enough to afford the area's cost of living. The temporary shelter in Koreatown is common sense approach to accomplishing that end in one of the neighborhoods with the highest density of homeless individuals.

In Solidarity,

Rusty Hicks



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May 8, 2018

The Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr.  
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200 N. Spring Street, Room 430  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: SUPPORT – TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER IN KOREATOWN  
682 S. VERMONT AVENUE – COUNCIL FILE NO. 18-0392**

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Sincerely,

UFCW LOCAL 770



John M. Grant, President



Kathy A. Finn, Secretary-Treasurer

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May 15, 2018

The Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr.  
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Sincerely,

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## Meta Housing Corporation

Mr. Jordan Beroukhim  
Planning Deputy  
Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Herb Wesson  
200 North Spring Street, Room 430  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: SUPPORT – TEMPORARY HOMELESS HOUSING FACILITY IN KOREATOWN  
682 S. VERMONT AVENUE – COUNCIL FILE NO. 18-0392**

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Aaron Mandel  
Executive Vice President



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May 14, 2018

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Dear Council President Wesson:

Public Counsel writes to indicate our support for the proposed temporary homeless shelter in Koreatown located at 682 S. Vermont Avenue (CF No. 18-0392) (“the Project”). Public Counsel is the nation’s largest *pro bono* public interest law firm. Our Community Development Project builds strong foundations for healthy, vibrant, economically stable communities by providing free legal services to community-based organizations, affordable housing developers and low-income entrepreneurs. Our Homelessness Prevention Law Project advocates on behalf of single adults, families, and youth who are experiencing homelessness or are at high risk of homelessness to secure and maintain shelter, housing, and public benefits.

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Advancing this project advances the goals of federal and state laws affecting the siting of emergency shelters. State Senate Bill (SB) 2, effective January 2008, amended State Housing Element Law and the Housing Accountability Act (HAA) to require local governments to take specific zoning actions to encourage the development of emergency shelters.<sup>1</sup> It also clarifies that under the HAA, a jurisdiction cannot deny applications for emergency shelter without making specific evidence-based findings.<sup>2</sup> These laws, along with other federal and state fair housing and anti-discrimination laws, work collectively to ensure jurisdictions advance inclusive land use and zoning policies that address housing needs for all – but particularly for people with lower incomes, special needs, seniors, persons with disabilities, veterans, and other target populations.

Every neighborhood and community needs to participate throughout the City if we are to achieve the mandates of Proposition HHH and Measure H. We applaud the City's efforts and urge the City to continue these efforts in communication and collaboration with local homeless services and affordable housing organizations to create the conditions for success.

Sincerely,

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Shashi Hanuman  
Directing Attorney, Community Development Project

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<sup>1</sup> Sen. Bill No. 2, approved by Governor, Oct. 13, 2007 (2007-2008 Reg. Sess.).

<sup>2</sup> Cal. Gov. Code § 65589.5, subd. (d).



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Signature

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Amy Anderson, Executive Director

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May 10, 2018

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Dear Council President Wesson:

Alliance for Community Transit - Los Angeles (ACT-LA) is a citywide coalition of 35 tenants rights, affordable housing, transit equity, and community development organizations striving to create a more sustainable and equitable city.

This letter is to indicate our support for the proposed temporary homeless shelter in Koreatown located at 682 S. Vermont Avenue (CF No. 18-0932). We support the City of Los Angeles moving forward quickly and creatively to address this severe and urgent crisis. Every community and every neighborhood needs to play a role in solving the problem of homelessness. We applaud the City's initiative to create bridge homes in Koreatown and other districts and urge the City to do this in communication and collaboration with local homeless services and affordable housing organizations to create the conditions for success.

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Sincerely,

Laura Raymond  
Campaign Director  
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Sincerely,

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RE: **SUPPORT – TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER IN KOREATOWN**  
**682 S. VERMONT AVENUE – COUNCIL FILE NO. 18-0392**

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**RE: SUPPORT – TEMPORARY HOMELESS HOUSING FACILITY IN KOREATOWN**  
**682 S. VERMONT AVENUE – COUNCIL FILE NO. 18-0392**

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200 N. Spring Street, Room 430  
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**RE: SUPPORT – TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER IN KOREATOWN  
682 S. VERMONT AVENUE (LOT 691)– COUNCIL FILE NO. 18-0392**

Dear Council President Wesson:

This letter is to indicate Shelter Partnership's strong support for the proposed temporary homeless shelter in Koreatown located at 682 S. Vermont Avenue (CF No. 18-0932). We applaud the City's and your leadership over the last three years with respect to the issue of homelessness, and agree that urgent action is needed to expand the number of homeless shelters in the City. Each Council District must do its part in this respect given that homelessness is a city wide issue. Otherwise, we will fall far short of our collective goal of ending homelessness.

According to the most recent estimates, there are approximately 400 homeless individuals in Koreatown, one of the largest densities of homelessness in the City. This number may actually be higher once LAHSA releases the results of the 2018 Point-in-Time Count.

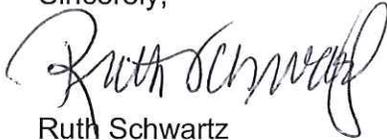
Most publicly owned land in Koreatown consists of parks, libraries, and schools, and there are very few options to site a temporary shelter where it is desperately needed. The only available site owned and controlled by the City of Los Angeles is the DOT Parking lot at 682 S. Vermont Avenue (Lot 691). Koreatown needs this shelter: a sidewalk or an alley is not a dignified place for someone experiencing homelessness to sleep; similarly, so many unsheltered individuals in one neighborhood is not conducive to the public health and safety of Koreatown and its residents.

Through the passage of Proposition HHH and Measure H, the public has given us a mandate to solve the homeless crisis in our City and County. Proposition HHH provides for \$1.2 billion in construction funds for supportive housing, a *long-term* strategy to provide much needed housing. Measure H provides an estimated \$355 million a year in services to complement HHH, providing the much needed support and services that individuals experiencing homelessness need. However, what is needed immediately is a *short-term, interim* strategy throughout the City to get individuals off the street and engaged with services. Our experience in the field over the last 30 plus years has taught us that it is far easier, and more effective, to engage someone in services when his or her most basic need for shelter has been addressed.

In order to address the short-term need, the Mayor has announced \$30 million to build emergency shelters throughout the City, with a minimum of 15 up and running by January 2019. With these shelters will come extra services for cleanups and outreach teams for every neighborhood that provides a site. Therefore, by supporting one of these shelters, Koreatown will benefit from less unsheltered homeless persons and greater public services.

Once again, we support the use of the DOT parking lot at 682 S. Vermont Avenue as a temporary homeless shelter to help solve this crisis. Every neighborhood and community needs to participate throughout the City if we are to achieve the mandates of Proposition HHH and Measure H.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth Schwartz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ruth" being more prominent and the last name "Schwartz" following in a similar style.

Ruth Schwartz  
Executive Director

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**Re: SUPPORT – TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER IN KOREATOWN: 682 S.  
VERMONT AVENUE – COUNCIL FILE NO. 18-0392**

Dear Council President Wesson:

On behalf of the Southern California Association of Nonprofit Housing (SCANPH), this letter is to indicate our organization's support for the proposed temporary homeless shelter in Koreatown located at 682 S. Vermont Avenue (CF No. 18-0932). We applaud the City's leadership over the last three years with respect to the issue of homelessness that has affected every neighborhood throughout the City of Los Angeles.

The public has provided a strong mandate to solve the homeless crisis with the passage of Proposition HHH in November 2016 with 77 percent of the vote, and the passage of Measure H in March 2017 with 69 percent of the vote. While Proposition HHH's \$1.2 billion dollars in construction funds for supportive housing and homeless facilities combined with Measure H's \$355 million dollars a year in services are both a long term strategy to provide much needed housing and support, we recognize the additional need for a short-term strategy throughout the City to get individuals off the street and into permanent housing and services.

As such, in order to address the short-term problems, we support the Mayor's proposed \$20 million dollars to build emergency shelters throughout the City, with a minimum of 15 up and running by January 2019. However, we must emphasize that these resources for such temporary solutions should be a path toward a permanent housing solution and should not divert existing capital resources away from the construction of permanent homes.

According to the most recent estimates, there are approximately 400 homeless individuals in Koreatown, one of the largest densities of homelessness in the City. Since SCANPH's main office is in Koreatown, we know firsthand that most publicly-

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Sincerely,

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Alan Greenlee  
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Cheryl Parisi  
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RE: SUPPORT for a Temporary Homeless Shelter in Koreatown  
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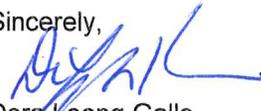
I am writing to express our support for the proposed temporary homeless shelter in Koreatown, located at 682 S. Vermont Avenue (CF No. 18-0932). We applaud the City's leadership over the last three years in addressing homelessness, which has impacted every neighborhood throughout the City of Los Angeles.

As you are aware, voters approved both Proposition HHH and Measure H in rapid succession in 2016 and 2017, with significant support. The public has given the City a mandate to solve the homeless crisis in our City and County. Proposition HHH provides \$1.2 billion in construction funds for supportive housing and homeless facilities, a long-term strategy to provide much needed housing. Measure H provides over \$355 million a year in services to complement HHH, providing the much needed support and services that individuals experiencing homelessness need.

While A Community of Friends is a developer and operator of longer term supportive housing, we recognize that development takes time. As such, we support a range of short-term strategies to relieve the suffering and negative impacts of street homelessness, as long as these temporary solutions are a path towards a permanent housing solution and do not divert existing capital resources away from construction of permanent homes.

The Mayor recently announced the provision of \$20 million dollars to build emergency shelters throughout the City, with a minimum of 15 up and running by January 2019. With these shelters will come extra services for cleanups and outreach teams for every neighborhood that provides a site. Koreatown is in need of a shelter. Recent estimates indicate that there are approximately 400 homeless individuals in Koreatown, one of the largest densities of homelessness in the City. As our main office is in Koreatown, we know that most publicly-owned land in Koreatown are parks, libraries, and schools, and there are very few options to site a temporary shelter where it is desperately needed. The only available site in Koreatown owned and controlled by the City of Los Angeles is the DOT Parking lot at 682 S. Vermont Avenue. Koreatown needs this shelter.

Every neighborhood and community needs to participate throughout the City if we are serious about ending homelessness. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,  
  
Dora Leong Gallo  
Chief Executive Officer

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Rabbi Steven Leder  
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**RE: SUPPORT – TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER IN KOREATOWN**  
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